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SURFACE PREPARATION FOR 3M TAPES

All bare metal surfaces (Aluminium, Steel) must be abraded with Maroon Scotchbrite pad # 7447, then wiped clean using a clean lint free cloth and Scotch HIPA 300 cleaner (aerosol) OR 3M VHB Surface Wipes (sachet)

Any metal surface with a protective coating, e.g., powdercoat, zincanneal, galvanizing, should only be wiped with either of the above cleaners, unless it shows obvious oxidisation, which should be *lightly* abraded with Maroon Scotchbrite pad before cleaning.

Powdercoat must be cleaned to remove waxes in powdercoat which can rise to the surface and affect adhesion.

All plastics should be cleaned with 3M VHB Surface Wipes or HIPA 300 using a clean lint free cloth.

METHOD;

ABRASIVE; Only abrade area to be taped. Abrasion is required to remove oxidisation, rust, mill scale, oils, which can affect the amount of adhesion required.

CLEANER; Use a clean lint free cloth and only wipe in one direction so as not to recontaminate surface. These cleaners will remove abraded particles, and or surface dust, oil, or body fat from manual handling.